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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jim Reed on 2/11/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

On page 7, line 3, "Figures 2-4" has been changed to --Figures 2, 3, and 4--.

In the claims:

In claim 5, line 1, "the porous region" has been changed to --at least one of the porous regions--.

In claim 6, line 1, "the porous region" has been changed to --at least one of the porous regions--.

In claim 17, page 4, lines 9-10, "and wherein the pressurizing device is in fluid communication with the sealed space;" has been removed.

In claim 17, page 4, line 15, "further comprising" has been removed.

In claim 17, page 4, line 17 (last line), --wherein the pressurizing device is in fluid communication with the sealed space-- has been inserted after "surface".

In claim 42, line 6, "the length" has been changed to --a length--.

In claim 42, line 7, "the length" has been changed to --a length--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura Edwards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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